

Table 17.--ILLITERACY IN THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY AGE, COLOR, AND SEX FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: OCTOBER 1952 AND 1947

(Information on literacy was obtained in 1952 only for persons completing less than 6 years of school, and in 1947 only for persons completing less than 5 years of school. Persons completing more than that amount were classified as being literate)

Date, area, and age	Both sexes					Male					Female				
	Total	Illiterate		Percent illiterate by color		Total	Illiterate		Percent illiterate by color		Total	Illiterate		Percent illiterate by color	
		Number	Per- cent	White	Non- white		Number	Per- cent	White	Non- white		Number	Per- cent	White	Non- white
OCTOBER 1952															
Total, 14 years and over.....	110,074,000	2,780,000	2.5	1.8	10.2	52,144,000	1,554,000	3.0	2.1	12.7	57,930,000	1,226,000	2.1	1.5	8.2
14 to 24 years.....	21,716,000	250,000	1.2	0.8	3.9	9,776,000	178,000	1.8	1.2	7.2	11,940,000	72,000	0.6	0.5	1.4
25 to 34 years.....	23,138,000	280,000	1.2	0.7	6.4	10,936,000	170,000	1.6	0.8	9.7	12,202,000	110,000	0.9	0.6	3.8
35 to 44 years.....	21,220,000	284,000	1.3	0.8	6.6	10,200,000	170,000	1.7	1.2	7.5	11,020,000	114,000	1.0	0.5	5.9
45 to 54 years.....	17,794,000	486,000	2.7	1.8	11.5	8,688,000	276,000	3.2	2.2	12.8	9,106,000	210,000	2.3	1.4	10.4
55 to 64 years.....	13,946,000	634,000	4.5	3.5	18.1	6,816,000	322,000	4.7	3.6	19.4	7,130,000	312,000	4.4	3.4	16.9
65 years and over.....	12,260,000	846,000	6.9	5.0	33.3	5,728,000	438,000	7.6	5.6	35.8	6,532,000	408,000	6.2	4.4	31.2
Urban.....	72,678,000	1,450,000	2.0	(1)	(1)	33,558,000	704,000	2.1	(1)	(1)	39,120,000	746,000	1.9	(1)	(1)
Rural nonfarm.....	22,122,000	464,000	2.1	(1)	(1)	10,650,000	288,000	2.7	(1)	(1)	11,472,000	176,000	1.5	(1)	(1)
Rural farm.....	15,274,000	866,000	5.7	(1)	(1)	7,936,000	562,000	7.1	(1)	(1)	7,338,000	304,000	4.1	(1)	(1)
OCTOBER 1947															
Total, 14 years and over.....	106,428,000	2,838,000	2.7	1.8	11.0	51,733,000	1,557,000	3.0	1.9	14.2	54,693,000	1,280,000	2.3	1.7	8.2
14 to 24 years.....	24,257,000	232,000	1.0	0.6	4.4	11,706,000	158,000	1.3	(1)	(1)	12,550,000	74,000	0.6	(1)	(1)
25 to 34 years.....	22,481,000	310,000	1.4	0.8	7.2	10,726,000	192,000	1.8	(1)	(1)	11,754,000	118,000	1.0	(1)	(1)
35 to 44 years.....	19,898,000	420,000	2.1	1.3	9.7	9,717,000	262,000	2.7	(1)	(1)	10,181,000	158,000	1.6	(1)	(1)
45 to 54 years.....	16,625,000	506,000	3.0	2.0	13.8	8,235,000	281,000	3.4	(1)	(1)	8,390,000	225,000	2.7	(1)	(1)
55 to 64 years.....	12,652,000	662,000	5.2	4.2	19.1	6,344,000	318,000	5.0	(1)	(1)	6,308,000	344,000	5.5	(1)	(1)
65 years and over.....	10,515,000	709,000	6.7	4.9	32.4	5,005,000	348,000	7.0	(1)	(1)	5,510,000	361,000	6.6	(1)	(1)
Urban.....	64,900,000	1,267,000	2.0	(1)	(1)	30,851,000	590,000	1.9	(1)	(1)	34,049,000	677,000	2.0	(1)	(1)
Rural nonfarm.....	22,026,000	539,000	2.4	(1)	(1)	10,776,000	309,000	2.9	(1)	(1)	11,250,000	230,000	2.0	(1)	(1)
Rural farm.....	19,501,000	1,032,000	5.3	(1)	(1)	10,107,000	659,000	6.5	(1)	(1)	9,395,000	373,000	4.0	(1)	(1)

¹ Not available.

Table 18.--ILLITERACY IN THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED, AGE, AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: OCTOBER 1952

(Information on literacy was obtained only for persons completing less than 6 years of school, all persons completing 6 years of school or more being classified as literate. Percent not shown where base is less than 100,000)

Area, age, and sex	Years of school completed														
	None			1 year			2 years			3 years			4 years		
	Total	Illiterate		Total	Illiterate		Total	Illiterate		Total	Illiterate		Total	Illiterate	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
UNITED STATES															
Total, 14 and over.....	2,076,000	1,616,000	77.8	586,000	302,000	51.5	1,058,000	384,000	36.3	2,058,000	302,000	14.7	2,868,000	132,000	4.6
14 to 24 years.....	120,000	112,000	93.3	52,000	30,000	...	80,000	36,000	...	160,000	50,000	31.3	230,000	14,000	6.1
25 to 34 years.....	148,000	128,000	86.5	100,000	46,000	46.0	96,000	44,000	...	192,000	24,000	12.5	308,000	32,000	10.4
35 to 44 years.....	170,000	136,000	80.0	76,000	38,000	...	116,000	48,000	41.4	272,000	44,000	16.2	390,000	14,000	3.6
45 to 54 years.....	352,000	270,000	76.7	112,000	52,000	46.4	230,000	80,000	34.8	398,000	56,000	14.1	490,000	16,000	3.3
55 to 64 years.....	566,000	402,000	71.0	106,000	64,000	60.4	194,000	70,000	36.1	430,000	58,000	13.5	666,000	32,000	4.8
65 years and over.....	720,000	568,000	78.9	140,000	72,000	51.4	342,000	106,000	31.0	606,000	70,000	11.6	784,000	24,000	3.1
Male, 14 and over....	1,114,000	860,000	77.2	378,000	186,000	49.2	608,000	220,000	36.2	1,146,000	176,000	15.4	1,578,000	82,000	5.2
14 to 24 years.....	84,000	78,000	...	46,000	26,000	...	56,000	24,000	...	92,000	32,000	...	150,000	12,000	8.0
25 to 34 years.....	86,000	78,000	...	78,000	26,000	...	72,000	36,000	...	108,000	12,000	11.1	158,000	14,000	8.9
35 to 44 years.....	102,000	80,000	78.4	48,000	26,000	...	56,000	18,000	...	158,000	30,000	19.0	222,000	12,000	5.4
45 to 54 years.....	222,000	168,000	75.7	64,000	26,000	...	112,000	36,000	32.1	224,000	30,000	13.4	258,000	8,000	3.1
55 to 64 years.....	256,000	176,000	68.8	72,000	48,000	...	102,000	42,000	41.2	232,000	32,000	13.8	384,000	22,000	5.7
65 years and over.....	364,000	280,000	76.9	70,000	34,000	...	210,000	64,000	30.5	332,000	40,000	12.0	406,000	14,000	3.4
Female, 14 and over....	962,000	756,000	78.6	208,000	116,000	55.8	450,000	164,000	36.4	912,000	126,000	13.8	1,290,000	50,000	3.9
14 to 24 years.....	36,000	34,000	...	6,000	4,000	...	24,000	12,000	...	68,000	18,000	...	80,000	2,000	...
25 to 34 years.....	62,000	50,000	...	22,000	20,000	...	24,000	8,000	...	84,000	12,000	...	150,000	18,000	12.0
35 to 44 years.....	68,000	56,000	...	28,000	12,000	...	60,000	30,000	...	114,000	14,000	12.3	168,000	2,000	1.2
45 to 54 years.....	130,000	102,000	78.5	48,000	26,000	...	118,000	44,000	37.3	174,000	26,000	14.9	232,000	8,000	3.4
55 to 64 years.....	310,000	226,000	72.9	34,000	16,000	...	92,000	28,000	...	198,000	26,000	13.1	282,000	10,000	3.5
65 years and over.....	356,000	288,000	80.9	70,000	38,000	...	132,000	42,000	31.8	274,000	30,000	10.9	378,000	10,000	2.6

Area, age, and sex	Years of school completed																	
	None			1 year			2 years			3 years			4 years			5 years		
	Total	Illiterate		Total	Illiterate		Total	Illiterate		Total	Illiterate		Total	Illiterate		Total	Illiterate	
		Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent
URBAN																		
Total, 14 and over.	1,226,000	886,000	72.3	272,000	148,000	54.4	566,000	160,000	28.3	1,124,000	166,000	14.8	1,510,000	62,000	4.1	1,772,000	28,000	1.6
Male.....	598,000	410,000	68.6	152,000	80,000	52.6	284,000	72,000	25.4	578,000	88,000	15.2	764,000	34,000	4.5	830,000	20,000	2.4
Female.....	628,000	476,000	75.8	120,000	68,000	56.7	282,000	88,000	31.2	546,000	78,000	14.3	746,000	28,000	3.8	942,000	8,000	0.8
RURAL NONFARM																		
Total, 14 and over.	352,000	---	84.7	82,000	38,000	46.3	180,000	66,000	36.7	412,000	44,000	10.7	620,000	16,000	2.6	756,000	2,000	0.3
Male.....	204,000	182,000	89.2	46,000	20,000	43.5	104,000	38,000	36.5	258,000	36,000	14.0	348,000	10,000	2.9	396,000	2,000	0.5
Female.....	148,000	116,000	78.4	36,000	18,000	50.0	76,000	28,000	36.8	154,000	8,000	5.2	272,000	6,000	2.2	360,000
RURAL FARM																		
Total, 14 and over.	498,000	432,000	86.7	232,000	116,000	50.0	312,000	160,000	51.3	522,000	92,000	17.6	738,000	54,000	7.3	754,000	12,000	1.6
Male.....	312,000	268,000	85.9	180,000	86,000	47.8	220,000	110,000	50.0	310,000	52,000	16.8	466,000	38,000	8.2	412,000	8,000	1.9
Female.....	186,000	164,000	88.2	52,000	30,000	57.7	92,000	50,000	54.3	212,000	40,000	18.9	272,000	16,000	5.9	342,000	4,000	1.2

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